MR. M K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No. Contracts for supply of articles are usually settled only in consultation with the Heads of Departments concerned, the quality selected being what is suitable for the service at the most competitive price at which it is available.

Students of backward communities.

380. **MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of students of backward communities undergoing collegiate education?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Pro-Vice-Chancellor*): The statement asked for is laid on the table.

MR. KAVIYOOR K. KOCHUKUNJU? പിന്നോക്ക സമുദായത്തിൽ നിന്ന് കാളേജ് വിദ്യാഭ്യാസം ചെയ്യുന്ന വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളുടെ പട്ടിക തന്നിട്ടുള്ളതിൽ ഈഴവർ, വിശ്വകർമ്മജർ, നാടാർ മുതലായ സമുദായങ്ങളിലെ വിദ്യാർത്ഥികളെക്കൂടി ഉൾപ്പെട്ടത്തിക്കാണുന്നു. ഈ സമുദായങ്ങൾ പിന്നോക്കസമുദായത്തിൽ ഉൾപ്പെട്ടിട്ടുള്ളവരാണെന്നാണോ വിചാരിക്കേണ്ടതു?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: Yes, Sir. There used to be two classes, the backward and the depressed. The expression depressed has now been dropped under the orders of Government and all these communities are now classified as "backward".

MR. T. T. KESAVAN SASTRI: "ഡിപ്രെസ്ഡ്" എന്ന പദം ഉപയോഗിച്ചുകൂടാ എന്നു ഗവണ്മെന്റു് ആജ്ഞാപിച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN: That is what I have just stated.

"Truth about Travancore."

381 ***MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of copies of "Truth about Travancore" (by one Mr. Nilkan Perumal) purchased by the Government;

(*b*) the cost the Government had to bear in purchasing the copies of that book; and

(*c*) whether the copies were circulated among officials and non-officials?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Five hundred copies of the book were purchased.

(*b*) Rs. 188-8-0 (one hundred and eighty eight and annas eight only).

(*c*) The copies were distributed among officials, press representatives, libraries, schools and colleges.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Sir, May I know the necessity to circulate that book among officials, Press representatives, etc.?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: At the time, when the book was published false news were being disseminated by interested people with malicious motives. To counteract the evil effects of such propaganda, Government purchased these books and distributed them.

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MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: May I know how long the author of that book stayed in Travancore to understand the actual situation?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: I do not know.

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI: Sir, irrespective of the period of his stay here, may I know whether the facts stated in the book are true?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes.

MR. KANNANTHODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: In view of the fact that he is an outsider, who came for a short tour in Travancore, may I know how he can instruct Travancoreans as regards the truth about Travancore?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: It is his own business.

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: May I ask whether he is a Travancorean or not?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: No.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable Chief Secretary has read the book

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Yes, I have.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 339.**

Names of persons who have applied to the Government for removal of disqualifications arising out of conviction under Act I of 1114.

1. Mr. K. Kesavan, B. A., B. L., Kettumgasseril House, Quilon.
2. ,, M. R. Madhava Warrier, B. A., LL. B., Chengannur.
3. ,, V. K. Velayudhan.
4. ,, M. K. Nilakantan, Adoor.
5. ,, T. M. Chennan, B. A., B. L., Vakil, Vaikom.
6. ,, P. K. Kumaran, M. A., B. L., Parur.
7. ,, Ketamangalam Pappukutty, Vakil, Parur.
8. ,, K. M. Bhoothalingam Pillai, B. A., B. L., Nagercoil.
9. ,, V. Madhavan, Changanacherry.

Appendix II.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 343.**

Statement by caste of officers drawing Rs. 50 and above in the Education Department.

Brahmins	...	250
Nairs	...	140
Kammala	...	1
Nadar	...	2
Ezhava	...	16
Other Hindu	...	31
Muslim	...	5
Christians—Jacobite	...	31
Marthomite	...	62
Syriac Catholic	...	7
Latin Catholic	...	9
S. I. U. C.	...	5
Other Christians	...	1

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